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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 165**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron**

June 25, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 165—Relative to the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 165, as amended, Waldron. Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 76 in the County of San Diego as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a real cowboy and cattle
- 2 rancher, who embraced the values of the Old West, but also
- 3 understood the demands and markets of today's world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was part owner of Homegrown
- 5 Cattle Company, Homegrown Meats, My Country Club Hunting
- 6 Ranch, and La Jolla Butcher Shop in La Jolla; and

1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a man who was quiet, but  
2 friendly, dependable, resourceful, devoted to his family, and always  
3 ready to help someone who needed it; and

4 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's family history dates back to the  
5 first homesteaders of the Palomar Mountain area in the mid-1800s;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's work ethic was based on doing  
8 what was needed to get the job done, never punching a clock, often  
9 working well into the night in all kinds of weather, and  
10 demonstrating self-sufficiency and a willingness to be there for  
11 others who needed help; and

12 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall always knew where the bass were  
13 biting, the eagles were nesting, the turkeys were roosting, the big  
14 bucks were in rut, or where a mountain lion might be prowling;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was comfortable on a good horse,  
17 skilled at roping and wielding a branding iron, and enjoyed  
18 competition between himself and his dad for big buck bragging  
19 rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was always the first to help a  
21 young lady bag her first deer, an old hunter drag out a downed  
22 buck, or offer amazingly detailed instructions on where to set up  
23 for opening day of turkey season; and

24 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall died in a tragic ranching accident  
25 on September 2, 2013, at 30 years of age; and

26 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall is survived by his wife, Jenna,  
27 his three young daughters, and his parents, Frank and Janice  
28 Mendenhall, and will be missed by his family, and many friends,  
29 outdoorsmen, ranchers, business partners, and the community of  
30 which he was a treasured part; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
33 portion of State Highway Route 76 from ~~the intersection of Rey~~  
34 ~~River Ranch Road at post mile 44.0~~ *post mile 43.25* to the western  
35 eastern intersection of State Highway Route 76 and County Road  
36 S6, also called Palomar Mountain Road, at post mile 38.25, in the  
37 County of San Diego, as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway;  
38 and be it further

39 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested  
40 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the

1 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
2 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
3 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
4 further  
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
6 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
7 for appropriate distribution.

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